

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 4, 2003

To recognize the District of Columbia United Way, and declare October 20, 2003 as the "United Way Day of Caring" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2003, the District of Columbia will celebrate its ninth "Day of Caring";

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia United Way Campaign's "Day of Caring" highlights the positive community service spirit of volunteers, business agencies, local government and organizations in hands-on group volunteer projects;

WHEREAS, the goals of this monumental event are to allow contributors to see how their money is being utilized, to demonstrate how agency programs are affecting people's lives and demonstrate how volunteering can make a positive impact on community problems;

WHEREAS, participation in the "Day of Caring" by local businesses and organizations demonstrate their leadership in the community in which they operate their business; and

WHEREAS, agencies will play a role in the "Day of Caring" as they demonstrate their caring by offering services, such as cholesterol and blood pressure screening.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "United Way Campaign Day of Caring Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the District of Columbia United Way Campaign on the occasion of its ninth annual "Day of Caring" celebration, and declares October 20, 2003 as the "United Way Day of Caring Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 4, 2003

To recognize and honor the Second Baptist Church for being recognized as a historic landmark on its 155th year in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Review Board on December 19, 2003 recognized the Second Baptist Church as a historic landmark in the District of Columbia Inventory of Historic Sites;

WHEREAS, founded in 1848, Second Baptist Church was started fourteen years before slaves were freed in the District of Columbia, the Second Baptist Church is a remnant of the largely vanished neighborhood north of H Street;

WHEREAS, the Second Baptist Church served as a station on the Underground Railroad during the Civil war and the preceding years, and was one of the few Negro churches in Washington, D.C., that had a Black Minister prior to President Abraham Lincoln's Inauguration;

WHEREAS, the Second Baptist Church is considered by many to be the "Mother Church" for the Baptist community because from it was formed the Mt. Carmel Church in N.W.; the Mt. Olive Baptist Church in N.W.; the Rehoboth Baptist Church in S.W.; the Central Baptist Church (later disbanded); the St. Paul Baptist Church in Bladensburg Maryland; along with the Ebenezer and the First Baptist Churches in Takoma Park, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, during the course of its 155 years, the Second baptist Church has had only 15 pastors; Licentiate H.H. Butler- 1848; Rev. Jeremiah Asher -1849,- Rev. Gustavus Brown - 1850; Rev. Henry Butler - 1853; Rev. Caleb Woodward -1861; Rev, John Mays (Maze) - 1864; Rev. Sandy Alexander - 1865, Rev, Chauncey Leonard - 1868; Rev. John Gaines -1869; Rev. Madison Gaskins - 1871; Rev. William Bishop Johnson - 1883; Rev. Dr. J.L. S. Holloman - 1917; Rev. Smalls Bartley - 1971 -, and Rev. Dr. James E. Terrell 1997 to the present.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Second Baptist Church Historic Designation Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the Second Baptist Church for being recognized as a historic landmark of the 155th year and for the valuable contribution it has made to the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication 'in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 4, 2003

To recognize and celebrate the LeDroit Park community, and to declare October 11, 2003 as "LeDroit Park Community Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the LeDroit Park community includes the LeDroit Park Historic District, a neighborhood of architecturally fine home designed by James McGill in the late 1800's;

WHEREAS, LeDroit Park was developed by Amzi L. Barber, one of the founders of Howard University;

WHEREAS, LeDroit Park became a prominent neighborhood for African-Americans in the early twentieth century;

WHEREAS, many notable African-Americans have made LeDroit Park their home over the years, from Robert A. Terrell, the first African-American municipal Judge and his wife, Mary Church Terrell, educator, suffragette, and civil rights activist to Walter Washington, the first Mayor of the District of Columbia elected under home rule and his wife, Benetta; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, October 11, 2003, the LeDroit Park community celebrates its annual LeDroit Park Community Day.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "LeDroit Park Community Day Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the historic significance of the LeDroit Park neighborhood and the rich cultural and political heritage of the community, joins the LeDroit Park community in celebration, and furthermore declares October 11, 2003 as "LeDroit Park Community Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 4, 2003

To commemorate the 110th anniversary of the birth of Ruth M. West, and to declare October 24, 2003 as "Ruth M. West Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Ruth M. West was born on October 24, 1893 to the late Reverend Franklin P. Turner, assistant pastor of St. Paul AME Church and Mrs. Sarah Brooks Turner, who helped scrape the old bricks used to build the Metropolitan AME Church;

WHEREAS, Ruth M. West is a member of the Metropolitan AME Church where she was christened, attended Sunday School and belonged to many church groups and organizations, including the Senior Choir where she sang for over thirty years;

WHEREAS, Ruth M. West is a life long resident of the District of Columbia where she attended the public schools and graduated from Armstrong High School;

WHEREAS, Ruth M. West was appointed to a position at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in the early 1900s to a job where she was assigned to a counting room;

WHEREAS, Ruth M. West, a very strong, determined and self-assured female, upon reporting to work was met by her supervisor who told her to pick up her char-maids uniform and cleaning supplies at the end of the hall, to which she replied she had an appointment to an office position and would accept nothing less;

WHEREAS, Ruth M. West worked for the Treasury Department for thirty eight years:

WHEREAS, when Ruth M. West reported to work she was relegated to sit on a bench outside her office and watch others work through the window because her supervisor would not allow "colored girls" to work in the office;

WHEREAS, while sitting in the hall, a flu-like epidemic spread among office workers, resulting in a shortage of employees, and forcing the supervisor to give her a desk inside the office;

WHEREAS, Ruth M. West, when asked by her supervisor if she could do the job, responded that she knew she could do any job in the office;

WHEREAS, Ruth M. West thereby began her thirty-eight year career of exemplary service for the Treasury Department on that day, as perhaps the Treasury Department's first black office employee;

WHEREAS, Ruth M. West is a lifetime member of the NAACP and has belonged to, and worked with, the Urban League and the YWCA;

WHEREAS, Ruth M. West loves people and spent many years of her long retirement visiting the sick- and shut-in and helping out in nursing homes around the city;

WHEREAS, Ruth M. West also likes to sing and enjoyed performing with her friends at Adelphi House where she moved after her daughter Ruth Annetta Wesley's death;

WHEREAS, Ruth M. West expressed her enjoyment of needle work by creating many beautiful items for family and friends;

WHEREAS, Ruth M. West, at 110 years old, has not been as able to pursue her other favorite activities such as gardening, attending classical music concerts, especially the opera, and collecting antiques;

WHEREAS, Ruth M. West's immediate family now includes three grandchildren: Jeannette Wesley McCottry; Charles L. Wesley, Jr., and Linda Wesley Horton; six great grand children; three great-great grandchildren and her son-in-law Charles L. Wesley, Sr.;

WHEREAS, Ruth M. West's secret to a long and healthy life is to

EAT GOOD FOOD

KEEP A KEEN SENSE OF HUMOR

MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!!!!; and

WHEREAS, the Council thanks Ms. Ruth M. West for setting a positive example of the benefits of a feisty attitude, strong will and service to her community.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Ruth M. West 110th Birthday Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia finds this an appropriate time to commemorate the 110th birthday of Ruth M. West, and declares October 24, 2003, as "Ruth M. West Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 4, 2003

To honor Mrs. Jolanta Kwasniewska, the First Lady of Poland, on the occasion of her visit to the District of Columbia, and to recognize her involvement in the effort to rebuild an ancient Elizabethan theatre in Poland's port city of Gdansk.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jolanta Kwasniewska will visit the nation's capital this month along with Professor Jerzy Limon, president and founder of the Gdansk Theatre Foundation;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kwasniewska, and Professor Limon will announce the formation of an American Friends Committee to help raise funds for the Gdansk Theatre Foundation;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kwasniewska and Professor Limon will join First Lady Laura Bush for a gala dinner to raise funds for the Gdansk Theatre Foundation on October 26th in the Great Hall of the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington;

WHEREAS, excavation work at the theatre site in Gdansk has been completed and an international architectural competition will be announced before the end of the year;

WHEREAS, the Gdansk Theatre Foundation expects the theatre, originally constructed in the early 17th century, to become a major performing arts center for Western culture in northern Poland once it is reconstructed;

WHEREAS, members of the Board of the American Friends Committee include Washingtonians Mr. Charles Krause, Mrs. Barbara Kapusto, and Mrs. Barbara Mowat; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia supports the building of cultural bridges between the United States and Poland.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Mrs. Jolanta Kwasniewska and Gdansk Theatre Foundation Appreciation Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Mrs. Jolanta Kwasniewska and on the occasion of her visit to Washington and honors her for her work with the Gdansk Theatre Foundation.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately after the first date of its publication in the District of Columbia of Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 4, 2003

To recognize and honor the Afro-American Newspapers on the occasion of its 111th anniversary Black Tie Gala.

WHEREAS, the Afro-American Newspapers was founded by former slave John Henry Murphy, Sr., on August 13, 1892, when he merged his one-page weekly church publication with two other church publications;

WHEREAS, by 1922, the Afro-American Newspapers' circulation was the highest of any African-American newspaper in the United States and the newspaper was used to challenge Jim Crow laws in Maryland;

WHEREAS, following the death of John Henry Murphy, Sr., his five sons continued to manage the Afro-American Newspapers;

WHEREAS, under the direction of Carl Murphy, who served as editor and publisher of the Afro-American Newspapers for 45 years after his father's death, the newspaper rose to national prominence and became a leading voice for racial equality and economic advancement for African-Americans;

WHEREAS, during World War II, the Afro-American Newspapers stationed several reporters in Europe, the Aleutians, Africa, Japan and other parts of the South Pacific who provided readers with firsthand coverage of the war, and one of its wartime reporters, Elizabeth Murphy Phillips Moss, was the first female African-American correspondent for the newspaper;

WHEREAS, the Afro-American Newspapers collaborated with the NAACP against the University of Maryland Law School for its segregationist admission policies, leading to the U.S. Supreme Court's 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education* decision outlawing segregated public schools;

WHEREAS, the Afro-American Newspapers supported actor/singer Paul Robeson and sociologist W.E.B. DuBois during the anti-Communist campaigns of the Joseph McCarthy era;

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WHEREAS, the Afro-American Newspapers has employed many notable African-American journalists and intellectuals, including Langston Hughes, William Worthy and J. Saunders Redding;

WHEREAS, the Afro-American Newspapers became the first African-American newspaper to employ female sportswriters when it hired Lillian Johnson and Nell Dodson;

WHEREAS, renowned artist Romare Bearden began his career in 1936 as a cartoonist at the Afro-American Newspapers;

WHEREAS, Sam Lacy, who recently passed away at the age of 99, wrote a weekly sports column for the Afro-American Newspapers and used his column to campaign for integration in professional sports, helping to pave the way for professional African-American athletes;

WHEREAS, the Afro-American Newspapers, with a total circulation of 110,000, is currently based in Baltimore, Maryland and has a regional edition produced in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, the Afro-American Newspapers also produces the magazines *Dawn* and *Every Wednesday*;

WHEREAS, the Afro-American Newspapers established AFRO-Charities, Inc., in 1963 and acts as a major source to promote AFRO-Charities, Inc.'s outreach;

WHEREAS, AFRO-Charities, Inc., operates programs such as AFRO-Clean Block, where local residents become organized in accessing city and government resources to create and maintain clean neighborhoods, and the AFRO-Mrs. Santa Program, which has helped provide clothes, food and toys to over 10,000 less fortunate families;

WHEREAS, the Afro-American Newspapers reaches out to schools during Black History Month to promote literacy; and

WHEREAS, AFRO-Charities, Inc., plans to incorporate an annual scholarship project into its family of programs.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Afro-American Newspapers Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and honors the Afro-American Newspapers.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 4, 2003

To recognize the importance of the products and services that the insurance industry provides to the community and declare the month of November 2003 as "District of Columbia Insurance Month".

WHEREAS, November will commence a program of events and activities seeking to educate and make the public aware of the importance of the insurance industry to the residents and businesses in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, over 1,300 insurance companies are licensed in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, there are over 30,000 licensed insurance producers who offer insurance products to District residents and business;

WHEREAS, the insurance industry employs over 7,000 individuals in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, over \$2.5 billion in insurance premiums are generated in the District of Columbia, providing more than \$34 million in tax revenues to the city;

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to further promote the growth of the insurance industry in the District and thereby help to establish the District as a financial services capital of the nation and the world;

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to express its appreciation to local insurance trade associations that have helped to encourage the growth and development of the insurance industry in the District of Columbia and help make the public better aware of the benefits and services offered by insurance companies, including: the District of Columbia Insurance Federation, the District of Columbia Association of Health Maintenance Organizations, the American Insurance Association, the American Council of Life Insurers, the Health Insurance Association of

America, the National Association of Independent Insurers, the Reinsurance Association of America, the District of Columbia Association of Insurance and Financial Advisers, the National Association of Mutual Insurance companies, the Professional Insurance Association of the District of Columbia and Virginia, the Captive Insurance Council of the District of Columbia, the Metropolitan Washington Association of Independent Insurance Association, and the Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers;

WHEREAS, the Council wished to express its appreciation to over 1,000 insurance companies who provide residents and businesses with insurance protection against a variety of losses and perils, including damage and loss to commercial and personal property, protection when facing medical illness and health care problems, and comfort and security in times of death; and

WHEREAS, Insurance Month provides an opportunity to note the significant contributions that the insurance industry and those persons engaged in the business of insurance provide to residents and businesses in the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "District of Columbia Insurance Month Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia joins the citizens and businesses of the District as they celebrate Insurance Month and express their appreciation to the insurance companies and insurance producers who offer a variety of insurance products to District residents and businesses and thereby often provide a level of comfort and security in times of need.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 4, 2003

To recognize and honor the YMCA Anthony Bowen on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, the YMCA Anthony Bowen is known as the YMCA "home" of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and Dr. Charles Drew is celebrating its 150th Anniversary;

WHEREAS, the YMCA of Metropolitan Washington was founded in 1852 and serves men, women, and children of all ages, races, religions, incomes and abilities;

WHEREAS, the YMCA of Metropolitan Washington's mission is to foster the spiritual, mental and physical development of individuals, families and communities according to the ideals of inclusiveness, equality, and mutual respect for all;

WHEREAS, the YMCA Anthony Bowen was founded in 1853 by Anthony Bowen a former slave who purchased his own freedom;

WHEREAS, the YMCA Anthony Bowen is the first YMCA for African Americans;

WHEREAS, Anthony Bowen was the first African American to serve as clerk in the United States Patent Office and was known as "believing it is for the young of today to build a bulwark for the young men of the nation";

WHEREAS, the YMCA Anthony Bowen is located in the heart of the Shaw community and is a model community center providing programs and services for more than 250 children daily, prepares and serves some 50,000 hot meals for children annually and 150 seniors are served by way of the Capital Area Food Bank monthly, additionally more than 1,500 children aged 2-14 are served through the summer day camp program and several hundred preschoolers and school aged children attend the Creative Development Child Care Center.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "YMCA Anthony Bowen 150th Anniversary Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors the YMCA Anthony Bowen on the occasion of its 150th and for the valuable contribution it has made to the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 4, 2003

To recognize and celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Art for Life benefit auction, and to declare October 23, 2003 as "Art for Life Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Art for Life benefit auction marked its 10th anniversary of providing funds for Latino Services of the Whitman-Walker Clinic for HIV/AIDS services to the Latino population in Washington, DC on October 23rd;

WHEREAS, the AIDS epidemic is far from over and HIV and AIDS disproportionately affect the Latino community;

WHEREAS, Art for Life has raised \$975,000 for HIV/AIDS services for the Latino community in the 10 years of its benefit auctions;

WHEREAS, Art for Life has grown over the years from an initial showcase of 19 dedicated artists to over 70 artists this year from around the world; and

WHEREAS, Art for Life will continue to provide much-needed contributions in the fight against HIV and AIDS in the Latino community.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL of THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Art for Life Day Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and congratulates the organizers of Art for Life and the artists involved in their efforts to bring critical care to the Latino community affected by HIV and AIDS, and furthermore declares October 23, 2003 as "Art for Life Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 4, 2003

To recognize Ms. Vanilla Beane, proprietor of Bene Millinery, 6217 Third Street, N.W., for her continued contributions to fashion and small business within the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Ms. Vanilla Beane owns and operates Bene Millinery, the only African American-owned millinery boutique and bridal supplier in the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area;

WHEREAS, Ms. Beane has over 30 years experience in the millinery industry, beginning in 1955 with the Washington Millinery Supply Company formerly located at Twelfth and G Streets, where she discovered her artistic talent for designing hats;

WHEREAS, Ms. Beane, shortly thereafter, established a custom-made hat business in her home, working evenings and weekends while fully employed at the General Services Administration ("GSA"), seeing her clients by appointment only and holding "Hat Parties", at which she marketed her merchandise to the women of local churches;

WHEREAS, Ms. Beane held her first successful hat show in 1959;

WHEREAS, Ms. Beane received formal millinery training from the adult evening program at Roosevelt High School;

WHEREAS, upon her retirement from GSA, Ms. Beane launched her millinery business in 1980, using her own funds and the supplies she had received from the closing of the Washington Millinery Supply Company;

WHEREAS, Ms. Beane taught Millinery Arts in the District of Columbia Public School Evening Adult Program at Bruce Monroe Elementary School;

WHEREAS, Ms. Beane became a member of the National Association of Fashion and Accessory Designers ("NAFAD") in 1959;

WHEREAS, Ms. Beane won 3 first place NAFAD design awards in 1961 and in 1962;

WHEREAS, Ms. Beane was inducted into NAFAD's Hall of Fame in 1975;

WHEREAS, Ms. Beane markets her hats around the nation at major national conventions and is selected annually to provide hats for the Congressional Black Caucus Fashion Show and Weekend;

WHEREAS, Ms. Beane designs hats for both men and women, working from photographs, from her clients' imagination and her artistic talents and skills;

WHEREAS, Ms. Beane, at 84 years of age, continues to offer her clients personal service, and works in her boutique from 10:00am to 10:00pm;

WHEREAS, Ms. Beane demonstrates her commitment to her art and to her customers by personally delivering hats to meet deadlines;

WHEREAS, Ms. Beane attributes her success to hard work and to long hours; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Beane has been a resident of the District of Columbia for 61 years, having been born on September 13, 1919 in Wilson, North Carolina and moving to the District of Columbia in 1942.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may cited as the "Vanilla Beane Millinery Distinction Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commends Ms. Vanilla Beane for her continued contributions to fashion and small businesses within the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 4, 2003

To recognize Lieutenant Colonel John J. Suggs (USAF, Ret.) who served as President of the Tiber Island Residents' Organization from 1979 to 1981, in which capacity he guided the complex conversion of the Tiber Island rental property to a 389-unit cooperative known as Tiber Island Cooperative Homes, Inc., and to declare November 24, 2003 as "Colonel John J. Suggs Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Tiber Island Cooperative Homes, Inc. ("TICH") is today a thriving residential community on the Southwest waterfront, thanks in no small part to his informed and dedicated leadership in laying the corporate foundation and serving as the first President of the Tiber Island Cooperative Homes Board of Directors;

WHEREAS, Colonel Suggs contributed to the wider Southwest community by helping to maintain and enhance the beauty of the Tiber Island grounds and the public median strip along M Street, S.W., opposite Tiber Island, which he tended for more than twenty years;

WHEREAS, his distinguished record of positive influence in the Washington community includes two tours in the 1950s as head of the U.S. Air Force ROTC Program at Howard University, where he taught students the meaning of disciplined, responsible leadership as he had previously-taught at the Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, where he had been affiliated with storied Tuskegee Airmen during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Suggs and his loving helpmate, Mrs. Alice Suggs, well into the fourth decade of their continuous residence in Southwest, have recently moved to a retirement home in Northwest Washington, D.C., much to the regret of their many grateful friends and neighbors who this day pay tribute to their unselfish service.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution shall be cited as the "Colonel John J. Suggs Appreciation Day Declaration Recognition Resolution of 2003".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia finds this an appropriate time to recognize and honor Colonel John J. Suggs, and to declare November 24th as "Colonel John J. Suggs Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 4, 2003

To posthumously recognize and honor Mayor Walter Edward Washington for his dedicated service to the city and the residents of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Mayor Walter Edward Washington was born on April 15, 1915 in Dawson, Georgia and was reared in Jamestown, New York, arriving in the District of Columbia in 1934, and entered Howard University from which he earned his bachelors degree in 1938 and later received a law degree from Howard University;

WHEREAS, Mayor Walter Edward Washington began his government career in 1941 at the precursor agency of the National Capital Housing Authority;

WHEREAS, Mayor Walter Edward Washington was appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1967 to serve as Mayor-Commissioner, the head of the municipal government under a reorganization that began the transition to elected leadership for the District;

WHEREAS, Mayor Walter Edward Washington, won election to the Office of Mayor for a four-year term in 1974, becoming the city's first elected mayor in 104 years and the first black person to head the government of a major American city;

WHEREAS, Mayor Walter Edward Washington led the city through the riots that followed the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., in 1968, which ripped apart the core of the city. He then began to lay a framework for reaching out to the business community to help rebuild the city;

WHEREAS, Mayor Edward Washington provided unparalleled leadership during a period that saw tremendous political growth in Washington, DC. and his legacy extended far beyond the city's borders;

WHEREAS, Mayor Walter Edward Washington received 17 honorary doctorates from such universities as Howard, Fisk, Georgetown, Princeton, George Washington, Colgate and the University of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Mayor Walter Edward Washington is recognized as the father of Home Rule and of the modern District of Columbia and has consistently provided leadership and wisdom to District leaders; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Walter Edward Washington passed from this life into eternity after a lifetime of achievement and unprecedented service to the District of Columbia and its residents.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Mayor Walter Edward Washington Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Mayor Walter Edward Washington for the valuable contribution he has made to the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.